

Sweet Springs Hotel
E side of WVA Rte. 311, .5 mi. S of WVA-VA border.
Sweet Springs
Monroe County
West Virginia

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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SWEET SPRINGS HOTEL

Location: Sweet Springs, Monroe County, West Virginia,
at junction of Routes 311 and 3

Present Owner: State of West Virginia

Present Occupants: Retired elderly citizens

Present Use: Home for senior citizens

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Main building:

Built in 1833, it contained ballroom and dining room, but little of the original interior trim now remains. Used as hotel until ca. 1926. Sold to state in 1941 as tuberculosis sanitarium, which closed in 1943. It finally became a guest home for old people in 1945, was improved in 1947, renovated in 1949, and had a rear wing added in the 1950's. In the early 1970's, the building was extended to the south-east and a fourth portico was constructed.

In the Beyer print of Sweet Springs a twin to this building is depicted directly opposite, on the other side of the Bath House, but contrary to the plans of the spa's developers, it was never constructed.

2. Other buildings:

Renovated in the 1940's and 1950's, they serve as residents' rooms or staff quarters.

The Bath House is still used for swimming by the local community.

B. Bibliography:

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